render unto them from me I beseech you, Mr Speaker, such thanks as you imagine my heart yieldeth, but my tongue cannot express'

Now all this while they were kneeling So her Majesty said, ' Mr Speaker, I would wish you and the rest to stand up, for I shall yet trouble you with longer speech' So they all stood up, and she continued with her speech Then she went on to speak of her indignation at the oppressions that had been "wrought under colour of these patents She hoped that God would not lay them to her charge, for that Kings also are to yield an account of their actions before the great Judge

Then said she, [c] To be a King and wear a crown is more glorious to them that see it than it is pleasure to them that bear it For myself, I was never so much enticed with the glorious name of a King, or royal authority of a Queen, as delighted that God hath made me this instrument to maintain His truth and glory, and to defend this Kingdom from peril, dishonour, tyranny and oppression There will never Queen sit in my seat with more zeal to my country, care to iny subjects, and that will sooner with willingness yield and venture her life for your good and safety than myself And though you have had and may have many Princes more mighty and wise sitting in this seat, yet you never had or shall have any that will be more careful and loving Should I ascribe anything to myself and my sexly weakness, I were not worthy to live then, and of all most unworthy of the mercies I have had from God, Who hath ever yet given me a heart which never yet feared foreign or home enemies I speak it to give God the praise as a testimony before you, and not to attribute anything to myself For I,

O Lord, what am I, whom practices and penis past should not fear ' O what can I do *—and these words she spake with great emphasis—* that I should speak for any glory! God forbid

* This, Mr Speaker, I pray you deliver unto the House, to whom heartily recommend me. And so I commit you all to your best fortunes and further counsels '

Then turning to the Controller and the Secretary and the rest of the Council she said, * I pray you that before these gentlemen depart into their countries, you bring them all to kiss my hand'